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1. AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH  
SAUDIS, WE WILL BE ISSUING JOINT STATEMENT AT NOON ON  
APRIL 5 WASHINGTON TIME OF OUR INTENTION TO DEEPEN OUR

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COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGY,

INDUSTRY AND DEFENSE. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT:

"FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO EXPAND AND GIVE MORE CONCRETE EXPRESSION TO COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY, AND IN THE SUPPLY OF THE KINGDOM'S REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES.

2. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER.

3. "IN MOVING TO STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONS, BOTH GOVERNMENTS REAFFIRM THEIR HOPE THAT A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE WILL BE REALIZED IN THE MIDDLE EAST SO THAT ALL ITS

PEOPLES MAY ENJOY STABILITY AND WORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY OF THE REGION."

4. WE HAVE BRIEFED IN ADVANCE MEMBERS OF ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP MEETING IN BRUSSELS WHICH INCLUDE EC COUNTRIES PLUS CANADA, NORWAY, AND JAPAN AS WELL AS FRENCH, SPANIARDS, AND PORTUGUESE AND SELECTED MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES REGARDING OUR COOPERATION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- THE UNITED STATES, AS IS WELL KNOWN, HAS LONG HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH SAUDI ARABIA. IT STEMS FROM OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE PERSIAN GULF/ARABIAN PENINSULA, THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES, SAUDI ARABIA'S ROLE AS OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNER IN THE ARAB WORLD, AND OUR LONG-STANDING SUPPORT FOR SAUDI ARABIA'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY AND MODERNIZE ITS DEFENSE AND SECURITY FORCES.

-- FOR SOME TIME, BEGINNING BEFORE THE OCTOBER 1973 MIDEAST CONFLICT AND THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO, IN RESPONSE TO SAUDI INTEREST IN DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIP, WE AND THE SAUDIS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING HOW OUR RELATIONS

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COULD BE INTENSIFIED AND STRENGTHENED IN A GENERAL WAY. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE RESUMED IN A MORE CONCRETE WAY AFTER THE OIL EMBARGO HAD BEEN LIFTED.

-- PRINCE FAHD WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS WITH US SOME SPECIFIC WAYS TO INTENSIFY THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

-- OUR PURPOSE IS TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN THE ENTIRE SAUDI-US RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION IN AREAS OF IMPORTANCE TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER. WE HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSING AN OIL-FOR-INDUSTRIALIZATION BILATERAL DEAL. AS OUR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SAUDIS NEAR AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC COOPERATION, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES.

-- AS SECRETARY KISSINGER POINTED OUT IN HIS SPEECH TO THE ENERGY CONFERENCE, THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO A PROGRAM FOR COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE A COMMON SOLUTION TO THE ENERGY PROBLEM AND RELATED MONETARY, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK ANSWERS TO THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH MULTI-LATERAL ACTIONS. THEY ARE TOO VAST AND TOO COMPLEX TO BE

RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY BY THE ACTIONS OF ANY ONE OR TWO GOVERNMENTS ALONE.

5. FOREGOING IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN EVENT ANY QUESTIONS ARE RAISED ONCE JOINT STATEMENT IS MADE PUBLIC. RUSH

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